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1. During the period from 14 to 16 October 1952, gunfire was heard at the Weisswasser (O 52/A 74) troop training grounds daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Infantry practices were no longer observed. At 6 p.m. on 18 October, 5 T-34 tanks

JS-3 tank, which had been unloaded in Weisswasser on 12 October, were loaded on a freight train which went in the direction of Cottbus. Trucks

carrying billeting equipment and boxes and trucks went from Camp Nochten toward Cottbus.

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2. On 11 October, the ration supply depot and the bakery at the Weisswasser troop training grounds were closed. On 13 October, the barriers on the road near Camp Nochten were removed. The camp was only lightly occupied after this period. On 12 October, 6 T-34 tanks were detrained at the Weisswasser railroad station and hauled to the troop training grounds. On 18 October, they were entrained at the railroad station. On 20 October, a column of trucks

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including three towing guns and a field kitchen went from Muskau to the troop training grounds. All the vehicles were occupied by 30 soldiers each wearing red-bordered black epaulets.¹

Comment. It appears that, after the return of the bulk of the 9th Mecz Div individual tank and artillery units were transferred to Weisswasser for short-term practices.

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All the motor vehicle mentioned belong to the 9th Mecz Div.

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